

INDIANA ALTERNATIVE FUEL VEHICLE INCENTIVES AND LAWS

Overview

The State of Indiana offers a Small Business Energy Initiative Grant Program, which may be used to pay for the incremental cost of alternative fuel vehicles (AFVs) or for installing AFV refueling stations. Several Indiana utility companies support AFV projects and offer rebates for the conversion of vehicles to run on natural gas. Southern Indiana Gas & Electric and Citizens Gas and Coke offer \$1,000 rebates for conversions.

Highlights

- \$ \$2,000 - \$10,000 from the Small Business Energy Initiative Grant Program for AFV projects.
- \$ \$1,000 rebate from Southern Indiana Gas & Electric for conversion to natural gas or for the incremental cost of an original equipment manufacturer (OEM) natural gas vehicle (NGV).
- \$ \$1,000 rebate from Citizens Gas and Coke per conversion for limited number of vehicles per fleet.

State Incentives

- \$ The Energy Policy Division of the Indiana Department of Commerce offers the Small Business Energy Initiative Grant Program to help small businesses install energy-efficient systems and alternative energy technologies. This grant program may be used to fund the incremental costs of purchasing AFVs or installation costs for AFV refueling stations. Grants are available in any amount from \$2,000 to \$10,000. Grantees must provide at least 20% of the equipment/material cost.

The State of Indiana is available to provide organizations with assistance in attracting Federal grants for AFV activities. For more information, contact Staci Loveall at (317) 232-8955 or Niles Parker at (317) 232-8970 at the Indiana Department of Commerce.

Utility/Private Incentives

- \$ Citizens Gas and Coke offers a rebate of \$1,000 per conversion for limited number of vehicles per fleet. Citizens Gas and Coke also provides refueling station site design, compressor sizing, and permitting. For more information, contact Oliver Nelson at (317) 927-4503.
- \$ Southern Indiana Gas & Electric offers a \$1,000 rebate per vehicle for conversion to natural gas or for the incremental cost of an OEM NGV. For additional information, call Joe Kiefer at (812) 464-4602.

Indiana Gas and Electric offers limited public refueling stations and offers incentives on a case-by-case basis. Contact Dave Zwiesler at (317) 321-0528.

The National Ethanol Vehicle Coalition (NEVC) is an ad hoc group created by the National Corn Growers Association (NCGA) and the Governors' Ethanol Coalition (GEC) to establish a national program to promote the use of 85% ethanol fuel (E85) as an alternative fuel, enhance agricultural profitability, advance environmental stewardship, and further national energy independence. Through a cooperative effort with the NCGA and its state affiliates, the GEC, state energy offices, and the U.S. Department of Energy, NEVC provides forgivable loans for the installation of public E85 fueling facilities. For more information, contact Phil Lampert at (573) 635-8445 or Sandy Hentges at (573) 636-8590.

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Laws & Regulations

House Bill (HB) 1302 (1996) provides a 10% gross income tax deduction for improvements to ethanol producing facilities or soy-diesel producing facilities.

A 1994 law established a task force to study renewable transportation fuels.

Senate Bill 610 (1993) specifies that public utilities and the general public that own alternative fueled passenger vehicles, trucks, buses, and recreational vehicles must obtain alternative fuel decals for the vehicles for \$100/vehicle.

HB 1547 (1993) was enacted to provide a price preference of 10% for state and local government procurement of soy diesel.

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